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For : AXIAL MAINTENANCE DEVICE FOR A CYLINDRICAL ELEMENT  
AND IN PARTICULAR A CABLE

**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.111**

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Sir:

Responsive to the Official Action of June 27, 2003, reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections made therein are respectfully requested, in view of the following amendments and remarks.

Inasmuch as the Official Action sets a three-month shortened statutory period which expires September 29, 2003 (September 26, 2003 being a Saturday), this Amendment is being timely filed and no extension of time is believed necessary. However, if an extension is deemed by the Patent and Trademark Office to be necessary, the same is hereby requested and the Patent and Trademark Office is hereby authorized to charge any necessary fees in connection therewith or any fees necessary to preserve the pendency of this application to deposit account No. 19-0089.